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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the MLK Park Pedestrian Bridge at Brush Creek in fiscal year 2022.

The project sponsor for this project is the Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Kansas City, Missouri, located at 4600 E. 63rd Street Tfwy., MO 64130.

The funding is designated for construction of the MLK Park Pedestrian Bridge at Brush Creek, which will connect communities, schools, and affordable housing along the north and south banks of Brush Creek. The pedestrian bridge will connect to trails along the creek and connect to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, which has had recent investment by the 15th & Mahomies Foundation. This one-of-a-kind play site will be a regional destination for families in Kansas City's urban core. Construction of the pedestrian bridge will be a "Connector to the Community", increasing neighborhood access to the park by giving families in adjacent low-income housing development on the north side of Brush Creek a safe avenue to reach the park. The bridge is one part of a multi-pronged plan to revitalize the park, improve the trails around Brush Creek, make green infrastructure and other improvements to areas adjacent to the creek, and create a cultural corridor with wayfinding signage and civil rights historical markers to tell the history of local civil rights heroes of Kansas City.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Emanuel Cleaver, II Member of Congress